

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed are replacement sheets for Figures 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 2 now include the designated legend "Prior Art".

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claim 10 is restricted and has been cancelled herein.

Claims 4-9 are allowed and claims 2-3 to contain allowable subject matter.

Figs 1 and 2 are objected to as requiring a legend such as prior art. Enclosed are replacement sheets for Figures 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 2 now include the designated legend "Prior Art".

Claim 1 is rejected under 35. U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Katayama et al. (JP 2000354741) in view of Kurokawa et al (US 6,456,760).


Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the allowable features of claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 is amended to depend from claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted the rejection is obviated.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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